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which we had deposited our little all discouraged that she did not care. straw factory and Hetty is learning only an hour or two when Aunt Jane dressmaking. I am sorry to say that was thrown into a flutter by the sight of pretty clothes, and not so sensible ing the street.
as the others. Judy must help, but I "It's Miss Betty Armstrong!" she dedon't know what she can do."

A CHRISTMAS

BARGAIN

the small gray house, under the shadow door ajar. poverty had flown in at the door:

and have good judgment, besides being Judy was glad Aunt Jane had left the spry, because I may want to send her to the city to buy goods. If you think your youngest, Susan Jane, can learn this for the girls to carry in the minto do as I want her to, send her along." strel show," said Miss Betty. It's too "Sense and good judgment! Why, bad we didn't think of it." Judy won't do!" exclaimed Hetty, with | "I-I have a few more." The color

was decided that Judy should go. "They don't think I am good for any thing," said Judy to herself. "But they She looked back through the blinding tears at the little gray house. There were handkerchiefs waved from it as

cap on the end of his crutch. as if you might have some sense," said the parrot was polite and entertaining. ing, and Poppleton's main street was

Of course the new assistant made some mistakes. But she rearranged the shop windows to the great satisfaction of her aunt, who was inwardly conscious that she herself was not "tasty." and lacked an eye for color. And she advanced several new ideas which Miss Pringle instantly recognized as im-

Christmas was coming-an anxious time in shopkeeping-and Aunt Jane necessary trip to the city for goods, on account of the faintness that was apt that will be fresh soon. They are all to come upon her when she was in crowds, and now she was beginning to think that she might trust Judy to go in her stead.

Judy's taste could certainly be trusted and she was self-reliant and a ready reckoner. With a definite and exact list of the articles wanted, Miss Pringle decided that her niece could go to the city and buy the Christmas goods.

"There are always Christmas novel ties and attractive bargains," she said. leave the purchases to your discretion."
What would they say at home? Judy felt several inches taller as she walked

teresting. Experience had taught Aunt Jane just what kinds of fancy soaps and candy baskets would sell best ed, and then Miss Betty was suddenly and those articles were all set down in

But while she was making these unexciting purchases, Judy's heart and

Aunt Jane of her business talent. It was when she was buying a piece of red cashmere that she caught sight of a brilliant parasol. A salesman re

moved it from its casing and suspended Christmas night, and bring her aunt. it conspicuously above the counter; it was of red silk with elaborate flourcings of chiffon like loveliest gossamer. Judy gazed upon it in breathless admi-

Another parasol was suspended be side the first; this was of palest blue with white flouncings. There was one called the color (it was unknown to Crow Hill). Its handle was of twisted wood that gave out a faint, delicious

"Selling at retail for a song. Don't want to keep them over because white is going to be the rage next year." explained the clerk to some one who remarked that it was unusual to see para sols at Christmas. "Six and seven-dol lar parasols-all for a dollar and s Judy tried to be practical-not to le

her esthetic sense run away with her "business bump." She knew her weakness for a parasol and a fan; they had laughed about it at home. But other people liked beautiful parasols. They would add the touch of color and grace that it was always impossible to obtain with Miss Pringle's sternly useful commodities. She believed, too, that they would stand her aunt's crucial test of values, that they would sell!

A crowd of women was collecting round the parasols, which the clerk was still hanging up. "I will take 13," said Judy, firmly, and her heart beat like a trip-hammer. The crowd gazed at her; even the clerk

the gloomy silence that ensued when Youth's Companion.

round her head and lay despairingly down upon the lounge with her smell ing salts.

She took heart of grace, however, for she still believed a little in her bargain, and begged her aunt to let her display one of the parasols-only one-in the "Judy is my chief anxiety," wrote thop window. Aunt Jane said she Judy's mother, Mrs. Phoebe Foliansbee, should expect to be sent to the insane to her sister, Miss Jane Pringle. "Just asylum, having a parasol in her shop as soon as we knew that the bank in window in December, but she was so

had failed, Ethel went to work in the The parasol had been in the window Judy is still a little flighty-very fond of a very stylish young woman cross-

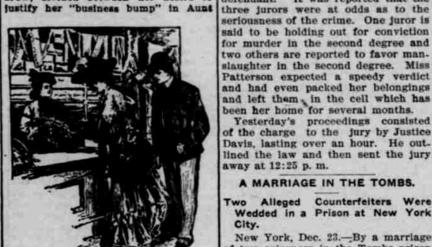
clared. "I heard the family had come, "Judy! Fudge! I suppose she means with a lot of visitors, to spend the holi-Susan Jane," said Miss Pringle to her-days. That great house on the hill is self. "Well, I can't have her here, and where they spend their summers. I'll hat settles it." leave you to wait on her, because I Nevertheless, this is the letter that ain't dressed up." Aunt Jane hurried made its way by the next day's mail to into the back room, but she left the

of a great bald-pate mountain, where "I want to look at that parasol-it's such a lovely shade!" said Miss Betty "Dear Sister Phoebe: I have been Armstrong, who had come rustling in, thinking that it would be handy to accompanied by a tall young man. "And have a spry young girl to help me in what a delightful handle!" she added, the store. But she must be sensible as Judy passed it across the counter.

sisterly frankness, when she read the rushed to Judy's temples and her heart letter. This seemed the general opin- thumped as she drew from the packing ion of the family, but nevertheless it case under the counter, one after another, the parasols she had thought she would never care to look at again. "They'd be lovely for favors, Alf!" nurmured Betty, admiringly. "And to give the girls who take part in the tab-

"Seven dollars-wh-e-w!" The young long as the stage was in sight. 1!osy, man had seen the price marked on the the only boy, who was lame, waved his "old rose" parasol. "Discount for the p on the end of his crutch.
"You're not pretty, and that looks Judy made figures on a piece of pa per, knitting her brows; she was try-Aunt Jane, by way of greeting. But ing to calculate how much profit her conscience would allow her to take. and the little dry goods shop fascinat- Aunt Jane, so carried away by exciteand Poppleton's main street was ment as to peep through a crack, re-Slowly, but surely, Judy's spirits garded her hesitation as business diplo-

Judy still reckoned with an anxious brow, divided between her desire to



"I am going to give you \$20 extra and Jane's eyes, and her determination to do what was known at Crow Hill as "the square thing."

"They were bought at a bargain, voice. \$40." "I can sell you the whole for

The bargain was very soon conclud seized with curiosity. "It doesn't seem like Miss Pringle to keep parasols,

she said, looking around. Judy told her customer that she had eyes were all the time wandering in purchased them, and being drawn out search of the fascinating Christmas nov- of herself perhaps by the excitement of elty, by which she meant to convince good fortune, told her how she wanted to help them all at home. Miss Betty was very kind and sympathetic, and beto her house to the minstrel show on

"They never asked me before, though they've asked lots of Poppleton folks." said Aunt Jane, a little resentfully. That was after she had collapsed upon the lounge again, this time for

pure delight and without the veil. They went to the entertainment and had a delightful time. Miss Betty all of chiffon-"old rose," the clerk sought Judy in an interval between the performances. She said she had been thinking of what Judy had told her about wanting to be good for some thing, and make happier times at home, and she thought she knew of something that would be profitable, and would not interfere with the shop keeping. Her father was a manufac turer of toys, and from his establish ment work was given out: work that required only taste and a little knack at sewing-the covering of the dolls' parasols and canopies for dolls' car

riages and the dressing of dolls. It was profitable work, and if Judy would like to try, Miss Betty thought she could manage to get her the oppor-

If she would like it! Judy swal lowed what seemed to be a whole bucketful of tears and let one roll off her nose by answer; and Miss Betty lin, for years the leader of the Brookperfectly understood.

It was not long before a packing- estate valued at \$3,000,000, which will suffering severely from cold and sickcase traveled regularly between Miss be equally divided between his widow Pringle's store and Mr. Armstrong's and his two daughters. great manufactory, and Judy did work that she loved, that brought her as much money as all Aunt Jane's shopkeeping.

It was not much longer before a case of folls' straw hats traveled regularly "Parasols! Thirteen parasols in the from Ethel's hands to the same manudead of winter! Susan Jane Follans- factory, and Ethel's toil was lighter bee, are you crazy?" cried Aunt Jane, and her gains heavier in consequence. shrilly. "I couldn't sell a parasol any- Judy has dreams of a firm in which way unless it was a good, stout black Ethel and Hetty and she will be partners, and Hosy-who is at present un-But Judy felt that even the little up- der a great surgeon's care-will be the braidings were not so hard to bear as general manager and bookkeeper .-

THE MODERN STAR OF BETHLEHEM.



A Report that 203 Meter Hill

Has Been Recaptured.

It Is Reported from the Neigh-

borhood of Pigeon Bay.

NEW FORTS AT LIAO YANG.

Japs are Said to be Building Them

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.-Gen. Kuro-

borhood of Madagascar.

fore Port Arthur says:

small island between Madagascar and

the Philippines and that the Japanes

cruising squadron hopes to mark

down the rendezvous for Admira

Togo's information. The hope is ex-pressed that Admiral Rojesvensky

will be able to catch up with the Jap

anese scouts, which it is believed he

could easily destroy, thereby weaken-

yesterday from the Japanese army be

"The right column of the army at

o'clock Thursday morning drove the

enemy off an eminence north of Hous anyentao, which we occupied, captur

ing one small gun. After the Japanes

occupation of the position the enem

made a counter attack, but was imme

diately repulsed. At present our occu

Gen. Oku's Headquarters, via Fusa

Dec. 23.—It is believed by the Jap

anese that the Russians are emplo

no doubt that Chinese were employe

by the Russians to burn the magazine

at Liao Yang. The Japanese say tha

Chinese report that Field Marshal

Ovama and his staff have established

headquarters at Liao Yang and that

the Japanese are constructing new

The Japanese are reported to b

ness in the vicinity of Palaszandzi and

Shilikhe, where it is said they lost

Threaten to Pillage a Town.

Alcasear, about 16 miles northeast of

surrounded Alcasear and threaten to

sack the town unless the French con-

sul and one British subject are handed

Struck Against the "Open Shop."

New York, Dec. 23 .- A strike

against the "open shop" was begun

here Thursday by the United Hat and

Fifteen hundred people are out

forts around the city.

2,000 men in one week.

pation of the positions is secure.'

ing the Japanese in the final naval en

THE JURY IS OUT.

len Who are Deliberating on the Nan Patterson Case Had Not Agreed

New York, Dec. 23 .- The jury in the Nan Patterson case was locked up at 11:26 last night, not having reached a verdict. At 11 o'clock the announce. ent came from the jury room that no ecision had been arrived at and imnediately following came a statement that Judge Davis would give the jury another half hour before locking them

The hope of a verdict was dispelled, however, when a few minutes before 11:30 Capt. Lynch, of the court squad, said that "it was all off," and the jury vould be locked up for the night. The latest rumor from the jury room was that three men were holding out against nine who decided to acquit the defendant. It was reported that the

said to be holding out for conviction for murder in the second degree and two others are reported to favor mangraph's Che Foo correspondent re-ports that eight torpedo boat destroyslaughter in the second degree. Miss Patterson expected a speedy verdict and had even packed her belongings where, for the last 24 hours, a severe and left them, in the cell which has

Yesterday's proceedings consisted of the charge to the jury by Justice Davis, lasting over an hour. He outfined the law and then sent the jury away at 12:25 p. m.

A MARRIAGE IN THE TOMBS. Two Alleged Counterfeiters Were Wedded in a Prison at New York

New York, Dec. 23 .- By a marriage of two prisoners in the Tombs prison Thursday the case of the United States authorities against four persons alleged to have been involved in counterfeiting becomes curiously tangled. Frank Schlieman and Elizabeth Rubea, who were in the prison with two others after a raid by the federal authorities, asked permission of the United States district attorney for the

parriage and secured it. The marriage took place in the chapel at the Tombs, the prison chaplain officiating. As the ceremony was ncluded Nan Patterson came out of the court room where a jury had just gone out to reach a verdict in her case and congratulated the girl upon her The couple were then sep arated, each going to his or her cell. It was pointed out that it was by Miss Rubea's admissions in police court to the effect that they were try ing to get money to be married which caused the two to be held. Under the law a wife cannot testify against her husband and her testimony may be

Convicted of Murder. Zanesville, O., Dec. 23 .- For the brutal murder of William G. Tanner, an aged civil war veteran, by beating his brains out with a hickory club in a corn field, August 19, a jury yesterday returned a verdict of murder in the hrst degree against Nathan Edward Spencer, the accused. Clemency was asked in sentencing the prisoner, who ing Chinese to damage the Japanes is but a young man and confessed to taking Tanner's life for the purpose of lines of communication and they have robbing him of \$4.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.-The will of if they arrest any Chinese so engaged Miss Bertha' M. Dolbeer, who was they will execute them as a warning killed by falling from an upper floor of to other Chinese against a repetition the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New of the offense.

York, was yesterday sustained by a Mukden, Dec. 23.—There was more jury in the superior court. In the artillery firing from Poutiloff Hill on will, which was contested by her rela- December 21, which resulted in distives, Miss Dolbeer gave the greater persing a party of Japanese who were part of her \$1,000,000 estate to her trying to entrench in front of that nofriend, Miss Etta M. Warren.

New York, Dec. 23 .- Announcement lyn democratic organization, left an

Left a \$3,000,000 Estate.

A Savings Bank Breaks. Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 23 .- The Dedham Savings bank, of Dedham, Ia., has been closed and the president, J. G. Caton, who left ostensibly for funds, cannot be found. He is said to be shirt about \$20,000. The bank has

\$60,000 in deposits. Business Paralyzed by a Fog. London, Dec. 23.—There is no sign the lifting of the fog which envelops the kingdom. The suspension of business is very general. Places of amusement are almost deserted and railway traffic is almost paralyzed.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

Papers are signed and the money is vailable for the construction of the mmense power canal of the Great Northern Power Co. at Duluth, Minn nag near Memphis, Tenn., and sank in shallow water. All of the passen gers and crew were taken off in safety. Mrs. Thomas E. Barnes, aged years, was blown to pieces in her ome at Detroit by a cartridge that had been sent her as a souvenir by her

In a head-on collision between freight train and work train on the Atlantic Coast line which occurred 80 nan was killed and four persons in-

Co. have advanced black sheets and tin plate \$2 a ton. As the workers are governed by a sliding wage scale, the advance in prices will increase their wages 2 per cent.

The strike of 150 longshoremen in

cent. over last year's prices. Chief Red Cloud, of Pine Ridge

agency, has agreed to accept an allot-ment of land. He therefore has held out persistently in opposition to allot-ment and his position has had a mark-JAPANESE SUCCESS.

by "Ken" Canterbury, who escaped to the mountains. Canterbury operated a gambling room and had been indicted through Christian's efforts. Miss Priscilla Odell has been given a verdict of \$500 by a jury in the cir-cuit court at Independence, Mo., against three men and three women whom she charged with whipping her

publicly. All are residents of Ather-It is unofficially reported that the Mikado's Soldiers Suffer Terribly from Cold Weather—Russian Torattorney general, who is examining the Dreyfus case, has decided to recend a retrial before a court-mar pedo Boats Escape from Port Arthur London, Dec. 23 .- The Daily Teleof the court of cassation, which meets

in February. Thousands of idle men in South Chicago will have employment on January 2. The two largest mills of the intention of influencing ers have escaped from Port Arthur, then and the entire steel plant, for the patkin telegraphs that he has received first time in months, will be running. a report from Chinese sources to the The men's wages will be cut, in som

effect that the Russians have recap tured 203 Metre Hill at Port Arthur The Czar Disapproves Reform Plan. with the guns mounted by the Jap St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Emperor Nicholas notified the country yester-The announcement that four Jap day that the agitation for a constitu anese cruisers and 12 torpedo boats tion and a national assembly is use are proceeding west from Singapore is received here with much interest. It iess. Such is the construction placed is not believed, however, that such a upon the endorsement written in his small squadron can have been sent out by Japan with any idea of engaging in offensive operations, but it is ed members of the zemstvos to pre-sent a program of reforms for his egarded as more probable that it is the purpose of this squadron to keep consideration. The emperor wrote on the dispatch: "I consider the action a surveillance over the two detach ments of the Russian fleet which are of the president to be presumptuous. Questions of state administration are expected to soon unite in the neigh It is generally believed that Vice Admiral Rojestvensky intends to establish a naval coaling base on som

fined by law." Grand Jury Indicted Dr. Chadwick. Cleveland, Dec. 23.-The Cuyahoga county grand jury Thursday indicted Mrs. C. L. Chadwick and her husband. Dr. L. S. Chadwick. There are two counts-forging and uttering the \$5,000,000 note signed Andrew Carnegie, made payable to C. L. Chadwick and indorsed over to Iri Reynolds, as trustee. Sheriff Barry made arrangeturned to go to Columbus for extradition papers. He will then go to New York to meet the boat on which

Dr. Chadwick will arrive from Europ

Naval Commission Meets. Paris, Dec. 23.-The internations on appointed to inquire into the North Sea incident met at the for eign office yesterday. Rear Admira Davis. U. S. N., was present. The com-mission unanimously elected Admiral Baron Von Spaun, of the Austro-Hungarian navy, to be the fifth member completed the preliminary organiza

tion and adjourned until January 9. Sues for \$100,000 Damages.

Columbus, O., Dec. 23.—Dentist ames T. McBride, of Jersey City, N J., brought suit Thursday in the cour of common pleas against J. W. Ban non, president of the First Nationa Bank of Portsmouth, H. J. Bannon and Attorney Percy Smith and William R Smith, of the same place; Judge W. H. Middleton, of Scioto county; Warden C. B. Gould, of the Ohio penitentiary and H. S. Willard for \$100,000 dam. ages on the charge of alleged conspiracy to deprive the plaintiff of the love of his wife, Lavina McBride, sister of

Cream two tablespoonfuls of flour with two of butter, add gradually to half a cupful of boiling milk; add a easpoonful of salt, one-half a teaspoonful of cinnamon and two cupfuls of cooked and strained pumpkin, let Tangier, Dec. 23.-A courier from cook five minutes and beat in the yolks of two eggs; remove from the fire and Tangier, states that tribesmen have add the stiffy-beaten whites of the eggs: bake at once in a buttered pan, standing in hot water. Serve as soon as it comes from the oven.-Good Lit-

Has It Been a "Square Deal?" Every man's conscience forms an investigation committee at the end of his Cap Makers' union in 19 factories. day's work.-Franklin (P.) News.

The steamer Robert E. Lee struck a New York Liquor Dealers Contributed to It.

WAS ON TAP AT ALBANY.

It was Spent in Influencing Members of the Legislature.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

District Attorney Jerome Will Prepare a Bill for the Regulation of the Liquor Traffic in New York—He De-nounces the Police as Corrupt.

The strike of 150 longshoremen in the employ of the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Co., Boston, ended recently when the men made a voluntary application for reinstatement. About 50 were taken back.

A gang of bell boys organized to steal the property of guests in hotels has been discovered by the police of Chicago and money and jewelry amounting to nearly \$1,000 has been found in their possession.

The prices for holly, Christmas trees and all other green stuff in demand at this season for holiday decorations have advanced, in some instances more than 50 or even 100 per cent, over last year's prices.

The grand jury says it appears from evidence submitted to it that the Liquor Dealers' association, which exment and his position has had a marked influence on other Indians.

I. E. Christian, a leading lawyer, was shot and killed at Oceana, W. Va., of money was raised in this way of of money was raised in this way during the present year and that it finally was received by a committee known as the legislation committee, which went frequently to Albany while the legislature was in session and took with it the money in cash.

The report of the jury says the evidence presented to it showed "that this legislation commission allowed its disburging officer to give a consider

erable part of this money to one of its members to use in influencing the official action of one of the state unlawful way; that a large part of this money was, by this legislation com-mittee, expended upon various mem-bers of the assembly and senate of the rs in the discharge of their o ficial duty as members of the asse

After reading the report, Judge Cowing said that he would see to it that copies would be forwarded to the governor and the legislature as requested, with a request that they take such action as the evidence warrants. After denouncing the local police force for alleged failure even to atforce for alleged failure even to at-tempt to force the present excise law as provided by the measure which has become known as the Raines law, Dis-trict Attorney Jerome said yesterday that he would soon have ready a lengthy brief in support of a bill of his own for the regulation of the liquor traffic which he hopes to have made law by the legislature

law by the legislature. Questions of state administration are of no concern to the zemstvos, whose functions and rights are clearly depolice to enforce the law. Senator Raines' views were in a measure endorsed by the district attorney, but al Raines law did not appeal to him as

by any means a perfect measure. The whole responsibility fo non-enforcement of the law Mr.
Jerome placed upon the police department, which, he declared, was more
disorganized and corrupt to-day than at any time during the last 16 years

An Unusual Scene in Court. New York, Dec. 23.-The spectators New York, Dec. 23.—The spectators in the court of general sessions yesterday cheered when the jury returned a verdict of acquittal for Clara Adler, aged 18, who was accused of killing her baby. The members of the jury took up a subscription and gave \$100 to the girl. Miss Adler admitted that the child had died of benzine assembly to the second of the second claration. phyxiation, but asserted that the pol-son fell into the child's mouth by accident when the mother attempted commit suicide by drinking it. Miss Adler thought it was carbolic acid. A friend knocked the bottle from

Convicted of Conspiracy to Defraud. Boston, Dec. 23.—A verdict of guilty for conspiracy to defraud the United States government was reported yes-terday in the United States district court against Samuel Grumberg and Charles A. Baitler, of the Glasgov fanufacturing Co., and John W. Trafton and James A. Shedd, formerly government examiners of imports. The charge against the defendants spiracy to bring into this country dry goods without paying the revenue re-quired by law. The case will be car-ried to the United States supreme

Bolivar, Pa., Dec. 23.-Seven men vere suffocated yesterday in the No. 2 Fire Brick Co. near here. The victims were Austrians. There were about 25 men in the mine and all but seven were rescued, though they were all in had shape and two are likely to die.

Payn Announces Black's Candidacy. New York, Dec. 23.-Louis F. Payn. one of ex-Gov. Black's supporters in the United States senatorship contest, didate for Senator Depew's place.